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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, which includes claims 1-12, and 21-24. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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